

Central Coventry Fire District
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

October 21, 2008 - 7:00 pm

Central Coventry Fire Station 4

Minutes

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

President: Girard Bouchard – VP: Joe Bonn (7:12 pm)

Anna Mae Lapinski - Robert Crowe - Ron Gizzarelli (7:12 pm) -

Elaine Hunt - Linda Giguere

Tax Collector: Jeanne Graemiger

Clerk: Tracy Hall

Chief Seltzer, Asst Chief Tucker

Not Present - Treasurer: Tom LaColle

**3. Approval of Minutes of the previous Board of Directors Meeting –
9/16/08**

Motion to Approve: Anna Mae Lapinski Seconded: Linda Giguere

All Vote Aye

4. Old Business

Exemption Committee

Mr. Gizzarelli reported that they had set up a meeting for Mr. Streker to provide them some information. Mr. Streker did not make it to the

meeting but will be dropping the information off to Mrs. Hall at the station. They had decided to look into all of the exemptions not just veterans. Mr. Gizzarelli spoke to Mrs. Hall about gathering information on how the cities & towns handle exemptions. Mr. Streker will be invited to a future meeting after the committee has had a chance to review the information he was going to provide. Mrs. Hall has not received anything as of yet. The Chief was also present and was invited to all future meetings. Mr. Gizzarelli will notify the President when they have something to report.

5. President's Report

Mr. Bouchard visited the Tax Collector's Office with Mr. Bonn, who had not seen the office. Mr. Bouchard also had several conversations with Chief Seltzer and some of the firefighters. All seems to be going well. Mr. Bouchard will be away from 10/28/08 until 11/9/08. Vice President Bonn will stand in if necessary while he is away.

Motion to Accept: Linda Giguere Seconded: Robert Crowe

All Vote Aye

6. Chief's Report

Chief Seltzer presented his report.

Motion to Accept: Robert Crowe Seconded: Anna Mae Lapinski

Mr. Bouchard asked if the new Rescue is to replace Rescue 5 and are they going to be able to find one to fit into Station 5. Chief Seltzer replied they are looking into all the possibilities. Mr. Crowe asked if it

was possible to add on to the building. Chief Seltzer said they are looking for the most cost effective solution.

All Vote Aye

Three Invoices for Capital Items

- 1. \$6,233 2nd payment for Plymovent system at Station 5**
- 2. \$8,300 for alarm system with radio box at Station 5 (only station without an alarm)**
- 3. \$21,000 for 12 sets of firefighter gear to start a rotating replacement schedule**

The life cycle of gear is about 5 years. Some gear in use now is older than that.

The total amount is \$35,533. This would be about ½ of the Capital Fund.

Mr. Bouchard commented that installing a radio box at station 5 would help with motivating businesses that are still on the old hardwired system to move to a radio box. Ms. Lapinski said all of the items fall under capital improvements and so would properly come from the Capital Fund. Mr. Crowe asked if the alarm system will be able to accommodate an addition if we put one on. Chief Seltzer replied that it would. Mr. Crowe also asked about the life of the building. Will we be using it in 10 or 20 years from now? Chief

Seltzer replied that the building is in good shape and considering how built up the area is he sees the district using that station for definitely 10 years maybe 20 years.

Mr. Gizzarelli asked about development behind the Dollar Store. He had heard that there was some low to moderate income housing going in. His question was does the Fire District have input into the approval process. Chief Seltzer replied that the Fire Marshal reviews all plans starting with roadways, emergency access and hydrant locations. And then reviews all building plans to insure they comply with the fire codes. The Town Zoning & Planning departments are involved in determining if the development is allowed to be business or residential. The Fire District does not have input into that part of the process.

Motion to approve expenditures for all three Capital items

Motion: Robert Crowe Seconded: Ron Gizzarelli

All Vote Aye

7. Treasurer's Report

Mr. LaColle was unable to be at the meeting. Chief Seltzer presented his report. There has been nothing unusual as we are only a month and half into the new budget year.

Motion to Accept: Linda Giguere Seconded: Joe Bonn

All Vote Aye

Chief Seltzer left to go to another meeting.

8. Tax Collector's Report

Mrs. Graemiger presented her report.

Motion to Accept: Anna Mae Lapinski Seconded: Linda Giguere

All Vote Aye

9. New Business

Election Results – as there were no additional candidates Mr. Bonn & Ms. Lapinski were re-elected by the Clerk casting one vote for each.

Swearing in of New Board Members

Mrs. Hall swore in Mr. Bonn & Ms. Lapinski.

Election of President & Vice President

Mr. Bouchard nominated Mr. Bonn for Vice President.

Mr. Crowe seconded the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

All voted Aye.

Mr. Crowe nominated Mr. Bouchard for President.

Ms. Lapinski seconded the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

All voted Aye.

10. Introduction of new business to be considered at the next Board Meeting – None.

11. Good & Welfare

Ms. Lapinski asked to have all the reports either before or at the

beginning of the meeting. Mr. Bouchard will notify the Chief & the Treasurer to get their reports to Mrs. Hall so she can put together packets for the meeting.

12. Adjournment – 7:47 pm

Motion to Adjourn: Linda Giguere Seconded: Anna Mae Lapinski

All Vote Aye